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NEWS BULLETIN OF TRW AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



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MEETING REMINDER \*\*\* S-540

SUBJECT: Grounding schemes that work

SPEAKER: Bill Nelson, WA6FQG

## A FUND FOR BENNIE

Many of our older members will remember reports about our Honorary Member, Benjamin Canaros. For the benefit of those who don't know, "Bennie" is a resident of the Philippine Islands, a young man befriended by the TRW/ARC some years ago.

Bennie's life has not been pleasant, to say the least. He spent a good part of his life in a Leper Colony on Cullion Island in the Philippines. Although he doesn't have the disease, both of his parents died of it.

In order to make his own life better, Bennie developed an interest in electronics. He took a home study course (by mail - RCA institute) and has been able to leave the Colony with his wife and 5 children. At this time he is struggling to exist doing electronics servicing in Santa Maria in the Philippines.

Unfortunately, the stigma of leprosy hangs over Bennie. His business is poor because potential customers fear the disease.

In the past, the TRW/ARC has helped Bennie with donations of electronics parts, tools, books and clothing. His expressions of appreciation and joy have been heartwarming.

Once again, Bennie needs help. In a recent letter, he asked us for money to repair his house - \$125 to \$150.

At the meeting of the Executive Committee on 9 February, it was decided that individual donations from the club members would be an appropriate gesture and means to help Bennie.

In addition, the committee is asking the membership to vote on a proposal to add \$25 to the fund from the Club treasury.

How about it, fellow members - could you help with a dollar or two, or even five? A little bit from each of us would add up to a lot for Bennie and his family - and a nice way for us Hams to spread a little international good will.

If you can help, attach your check to the coupon below and send it to our club treasurer.

In addition, indicate your vote on a donation of \$25 from the Club treasury to add to the "Bennie Fund".

On behalf of Bennie and his family, thanks for your kindness.

Ed Thornley, W6RXD

Prez Sez

### Honorary Lifetime Member

Approximately ten years ago, the TRW ARC granted an honorary lifetime membership to a member of a leprosy colony family in the Philippines. Some used equipment and accessories were given to him to aid in getting him on the air. This year we have recently received a letter from him which indicates his need for some financial assistance. The nature of his needs is the repairing of his leaking roof at an expense of about \$200 depending upon currency exchange factors. Although the club can not respond to his request, the council feels it should encourage donations from the individual members of the club towards his request. Therefore, elsewhere within this newsletter, you will find a method whereby you may respond as you may desire. Call Ed W6RXD for additional information, if needed.

### Survivor Assistance Program

Our club is considering which approach it should use in the matter of Survivor Assistance as outlined in a program sponsored by the LAACARC. Your feelings on the need for and degree of involvement are requested.

### Advertisement

TRW ARC have received a number of solicitations for us to advertise equipment we have for sale or desire to purchase. A number of copies of the flyers will be available at this month's meeting. Our flyer is "Re-Peater", Nichols Printing (K6YMX) and the other one is "Ham \* Base", Mike Schmitt (W7LPV).

### Operations

T-Hunt proficiency pays off in many ways. It is directly related to tracking down, interference whether or not it is intentionally produced or otherwise. For instance, amateurs active on the two meter band were instrumental in providing evidence to the authorities which resulted in the arrest and conviction of a repeater jammer, (WB6LHB). The offender was fined \$1000.00 on two counts and placed on probation for one year.

### Dues

Membership dues has been questioned as to adequacy for annual operation of the club. A preliminary committee study indicates that no change in dues can be made until other uncertainties are resolved. We need to know the budget cost of doing the club's business.

### Associates/Full Member Eyeball QSO

A springtime meeting place, in order that you may gain a closer physical contact with the club, needs to be decided. A volunteer is needed to coordinate this effort by getting an overall consensus of our associate members. Questions to resolve are; meeting date, time, and location.

Bill  
73's

### THEY DIDN'T MENTION THIS IN AL'S CODE CLASS!

One day in the 1830's, Samuel F. B. Morse was caught out in a rainstorm without his hat on, and he fell briefly ill. While recovering in bed, Morse devised a system for sending messages by blowing his nose in a series of dots and dashes. He named his creation the "Morse code" in honor of the inflammation that he had.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING    January 9, 1979

The Executive Committee meeting of the TRW Amateur Radio Club was called to order on 2/9/79 at 1205 hours by the club President, Bill Ivey, WA6QET. In attendance were Vice-President, Al Lee, W6KQI; Secretary, Woody Ornellas, AA600; Treasurer, Jim Hill, W6IVW; Past President, Bill Dews, K6AWO; and Ed Thornley, W6RXD.

The following subjects were discussed by the committee members:

Bill Ivey

An FCC Notice of Inquiry (NOI) package of information on the RFI bill was requested by the club secretary and received. Those club members who would like to respond to this NOI (by May 1) or who would like more info other than what is printed in QST, may borrow the package from the club secretary.

Checked in on the ABN net which is dedicated to community relations.

The purchase of the Ranger transmitter was voted against (4-2).

The new Swap Meet bulletin shows that the parking lot is for sellers only. (Approved 5-0).

Submitted RE-PEATER classified ad bulletin. (Copies available from Club Secretary).

Al Lee

11 students in training class.

Speaker for March meeting will be Bill Nelson, W6RQG, who will speak on "Grounding Schemes that Work."

Need FD chairman.

Woody Ornellas

Wrote to FCC requesting that the club be put on the mailing list for their bulletins on the Amateur Radio Service.

Jim Hill

Reported on the Membership Dues committee. Cannot recommend dues increase until budget is known. The budget can not be prepared until the SEA subsidy is known.

Dave Gilmore (Not in attendance)

Recommends that the club not participate in the Winter Carnival due to lack of time in preparing for the event.

Ed Thornley

Discussed letter received from Ham Radio operator in Phillipine Islands, whom the club has assisted in the past and befriended. He needs \$100 + to repair the roof on his home. Donations should go to the club treasurer.

Bill Dews

Discussed the need for the club to cooperate and assist in a TRW Emergency preparedness plan.

Respectfully submitted,  
Woody Ornellas, AA600, Secretary

FOR SALE

Ham CW Xmtr Johnson Viking Ranger 160-10M 75 W \$40/obo Dews 62555

URAC

Some of you guys may like to talk to some other Nice guys. Try 145.650 URAC is using it as we use 51. REACH over and move your dial and see what Ray Day 'HE' has to say. 73 Dews

## SWAPMEET

The January 27, Ham Equipment Swapmeet was well attended with Amateurs coming from all over the LA area. The word is slowly but surely getting out that our club has a regular monthly swapmeet. By the end of 1979, it is expected that all of the available spaces at the Aviation Blvd - R6 lot will be full. Think of all the Amateur Equipment bargains there will be. Gary Komatsu (K6HPD) had lots of hot coffee and donuts to warm our many visitors on the slightly chilly January morning. Another attraction at our TRW/ARC booth was the sale of old (possibly antique) transmitting tubes, Ham Magazines and other miscellaneous donated items. Many thanks to the members and friends who donated these items to the club. The money from this sale goes into the club treasury which is low from our recent purchase of new Ham Station Equipment. If anyone has any equipment and magazines etc. he wishes to donate to the club, please contact any of the club officers for pickup or bring to the next swapmeet. Hope to see you all at the next TRW/ARC swapmeet.

Bill S. (WA6EVS)

## WALK-A-THON

Anyone interested in a Walk-a-thon on Aprilk, 1979, with 220 (222.780 in - 224.380 out) and 2 meter equipment call Mike WA6BZA @ 534-4456 (Radio King). You can have fun with our haming and help out too. CU out @ CP#?

Bill Dews (K6AWO)

## CORRECTION

It was incorrectly stated in last months Crosstalk that Jeffery Kincaid got his extra class license on his first visit to the FCC office in Long Beach. Actually, it should have read Frank Kelley whose extra class call is KB6D.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations are in order to Dan Street, KA6CJC, who resently passed his general class tests. We should hear Dan soon operating maritime mobile as he is the skipper of a new yacht soon to be launched. His XYL Happy, KA6CAW, is still trying for her general license, but the code at 13 WPM is still more than she can handle. She presently holds a technician class license.

## W1AW CODE PRACTICE PST

Slow 5-15 WPM

6AM MWF

1PM T Th SaSu

4PM M W F

7PM Tu Th Sa Su

Fast Code 10-35

6AM T Th

1PM M W F

4PM T Th Sa Su

7PM M W F

Frequencies MHz

1.835, 3.58, 7.08, 14.08, 21.08, 28.08, thru 4 - 29 - 79

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% Archie Willis W6LPJ

## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

"There are three kinds of People:  
The few who make things happen,  
The many who watch things happen,  
The majority who have no idea of what is happening!"

Nicholas M. Butler

TNX MPARC

A BRAND NEW EDITION of FCC's Amateur Radio rules, updated to January, 1979, has just gone on sale at the Government Printing Office. The revised Part 97 is stock number 004-000-00357-8, and price postpaid is \$1.40. Write Superintendent of Documents, GPO, Washington, D.C. 20402.

## TREASURER'S REPORT - JANUARY 1979

Balance on hand - January 1, 1979

\$395.38

### Receipts

Club Memberships	\$202.00
ARRL Memberships	48.00
Raffle Receipts	23.00

### Expenses

Trophy	\$5.41
Class Materials	190.06
Novice Package Refund	7.00
Credit Union Loan Paymt	28.89
Stamps (Hill)	3.00
Door Prize	30.31
Cross Talk Printing	37.21

Balance on hand - February 1, 1979

\$366.49

Jim Hill, W6IVW, Treasurer, TRW/ARC

## GLOBAL IMPORTS

Howard Furs. of Global Imports donated three magnetic locks, a code oscillator and a burglar alarm for our door prizes last month. Thanks Howard.

## DOOR PRIZE WINNERS

Magnetic Lock	Dick Treece	K6RT
Magnetic Lock	Al Lee	W6KQI
Magnetic Lock	Charley Speelman	WA6RUZ
Burglar Alarm	Jim Hill	W6IVW
Code Oscillator	Bill Rodner	K6AWS
SWR Meter	Woody Ornellas	AA6OO
Tool Kit	Frank Kelley	KB6D
ARRL Handbook	Mel Erb	K6GWC

## ARRL DUES INCREASE

By Jim Hill, W6IVW

According to the Ham Radio Report, a 50% increase in dues is scheduled for this spring. Life memberships will increase a like amount. Renewals under the old rate are still being accepted. These rates are: 1 year-\$12, 2 years-\$23, 3 years-\$33, 4 years-\$43, and 5 years-\$53. If you plan to renew, why not renew through the TRW ARC? Your cost is unchanged, and the club receives a small rebate.

Send a check payable to the TRW Amateur Radio Club and the following information to James S. Hill, S-792 (or better still, phone me, x50345, for a form): Your name, address, call and license class (if any), and whether you want a membership card or certificate. To avoid duplicate magazines, it is recommended that those requesting renewals also include the address sticker from your QST wrapper. If you don't include the sticker, mention if you are requesting a new or renewal membership. Some, like myself, may be partially through an extended renewal, I'm writing to the ARRL for information, and will include it in the next edition of Cross Talk. Note: The February edition of QST does not mention a dues increase, so the decision must be quite recent.

Contact the ARRL directly for life memberships; the club rebate does not apply.

## NEW MEMBERS OF TRW ARC

Phyllis Wilson  
Raymond Herbrick, Jr.  
Donald Wilson  
William Curtis  
Richard Davis  
Richard Davis Craig  
Kenneth Scholz  
Wilbur Hardisty  
Lance Gay

Aubrey Robertshaw  
Howard Fisher  
John McConnaughey  
Mickey Helpingstine  
Stephen Shane WA6WRQ  
Jeffery Kincaid WA6BIL  
Cecil Easley WA6BZW  
Matt Orlich WA6AJC